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Rosh Hashanah begins next Thursday at sundown.

## Synagogues prepare for Rosh Hashanah

Tree of Life congregation expects over 500 people for Holy Week services

Katie Jones  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Rosh Hashanah, commonly known as the Jewish New Year, starts next week and Jews across Columbia will gather to celebrate.

Tree of Life Congregation, about 20 minutes away from campus, is the spiritual home for 300 Jewish families. But next week, Rabbi Daniel Sherman expects 500 people to attend the High Holy Week services.

"I think the Tree of Life has been an important part of Columbia's history," Sherman, who is in his second year leading the synagogue, said.

The Tree of Life Congregation was founded 111 years ago in 1896.

The synagogue is a Reform congregation, which is the largest branch of Judaism, as well as the liberal branch of the religion.

Compared to Conservative Judaism, Reform Judaism places more emphasis on the "lesson of the law, not the letter of the law," Sherman said.

A conservative synagogue, Beth Shalom Synagogue, is

down the street from Tree of Life Congregation.

"We have a nice relationship between the congregations," Sherman said.

Also nearby is The Jewish Cemetery of the Hebrew Benevolent Society. It was the first Jewish structure in South Carolina, built in 1822.

Although Sherman said he has never faced any difficulties being Jewish in Columbia, he believes "that whenever you are a minority, there are challenges that are associated with it."

College also adds to the challenge of adhering to one's faith and being a minority in the Bible Belt region of the country.

"It is difficult to follow the Jewish teachings at college because I have to sometimes deal with the fact of holidays being during the week and I can't just ignore school, but then again I feel guilty about not completely following my religion," third-year criminal justice student David Tsveer said.

But Sherman sees a positive side to this.

"It's OK for students to grow up, knowing they're going to have to explain to their teachers about Jewish holidays," Sherman said. "It helps to foster and strengthen their own Jewish identities."

LIFE ● A2

## USC deals with breach

Administrators plan hot line, Web site to help affected students

Jess Davis  
NEWS EDITOR

USC has not yet contacted any students whose social security numbers were leaked on a biology teacher's Web site, the school said.

Social Security numbers, full names and course and exam grades for 1,482 students were posted online for eight or nine months, said Russ McKinney, USC's spokesman.

McKinney said the school found out over the weekend about the leaks but was waiting to contact students until it had compiled an accurate list.

The Daily Gamecock originally reported that up to 3,199 students might have had their information leaked, but some of those records may have been duplicates, said Aaron Titus, who runs the Web site SSNbreach.org.

Titus found 18 files containing the private information online after doing a Yahoo search, he said. Not all students had their Social Security number, full name and grades posted—some names were printed without the numbers and some numbers were printed without the names.

The files were posted on a Web site belonging to Michelle Vieyra, who worked in a USC lab for six years and is now listed as a lecturer in the department.

Vieyra said she needed to move files from one computer to another because she was moving out of her office.

She said the Web site where the files were posted is a storage space and isn't linked to the biology department. After she had transferred the files, she



Alison Stinchcomb / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Aaron Titus, who runs the Web site SSNbreach.org, was the first to notice the breach.

forgot to delete them from the server, she said.

"It was a bad choice," Vieyra said. "I hope my mistake will caution others not to do that."

Vieyra said she felt "really bad" and was most concerned about her former students.

"They are my No. 1 priority. I want people

to know I was not being careless and throwing things out there."

Titus e-mailed information about the posted files to four USC accounts around 10 p.m. Aug. 31, he said. Charles Lovell, chair of the biological sciences department, did not find out about the leak until

Tuesday morning, after the Labor Day weekend.

It is not known how many classes' information was posted online or how many semesters the information was from, Lovell said.

"We're still picking up the pieces," he said.

Amber Anderson, who

SSN ● A4

## Voros encourages study abroad

Hosted by Carolina Global Community, talk aims to educate students about other cultures

Kathleen Kemp  
STAFF WRITER

David Voros gave a lecture Wednesday evening on the merits of studying abroad for student members of the Carolina Global Community.

The event was the first in a series of events that will be hosted by the CGC.

Rebecca White, the residence life coordinator at South Quad, helped plan the event. She explained that the Carolina Global Community is made up of 24 American and 24 foreign students who live together in order to learn more about each other's cultures.

The CGC tries to put two

American students and two international students in each apartment, but, due to uneven male to female ratios, this is not always possible.

Each apartment, however, does have at least one of both types of students.

"We have students from France to Austria to England to Spain," White said.

Renay White, a second-year business student, is an American who is participating with the Carolina Global Community for the first time. One of her roommates is French.

"It's fun; there are some differences," Renay White said, "for example, the [football] game. She was surprised by the

cheerleaders."

Raghav Mehra, a fifth-year business student, is originally from Calcutta, India. While he has been very active in the international community at USC in the past and served as president of the International Student Association last year, this is his first year in the CDC.

"It's a good way to mix students," Mehra said, "it's good that it's mixed because international students aren't familiar with the area."

Voros shared his own experiences studying abroad, including a trip to Europe to see 16th-18th century Italian paintings after he graduated college.

He told of how he was traveling on a tight budget and, having been told Europe was never cold in the winter, decided to sleep in a tent.

"I was fighting off

frostbite, sleeping in a tent by somebody's shrubbery," Voros said.

Later in the trip, Voros walked by a travel agency and spotted a sign for Egypt. He decided to wait out the winter there and return to Europe when it was warmer, which he described as an unforgettable experience.

Voros also talked about traveling to Borneo on the revenue of a single painting to fulfill a childhood dream.

"That had a dramatic affect on my painting, a dramatic affect on my life," Voros said.

Today Voros is an art professor with a specialty in painting. He teaches several classes with study abroad components, including a class that goes to Italy and another to Costa Rica.

While about 20 attendees

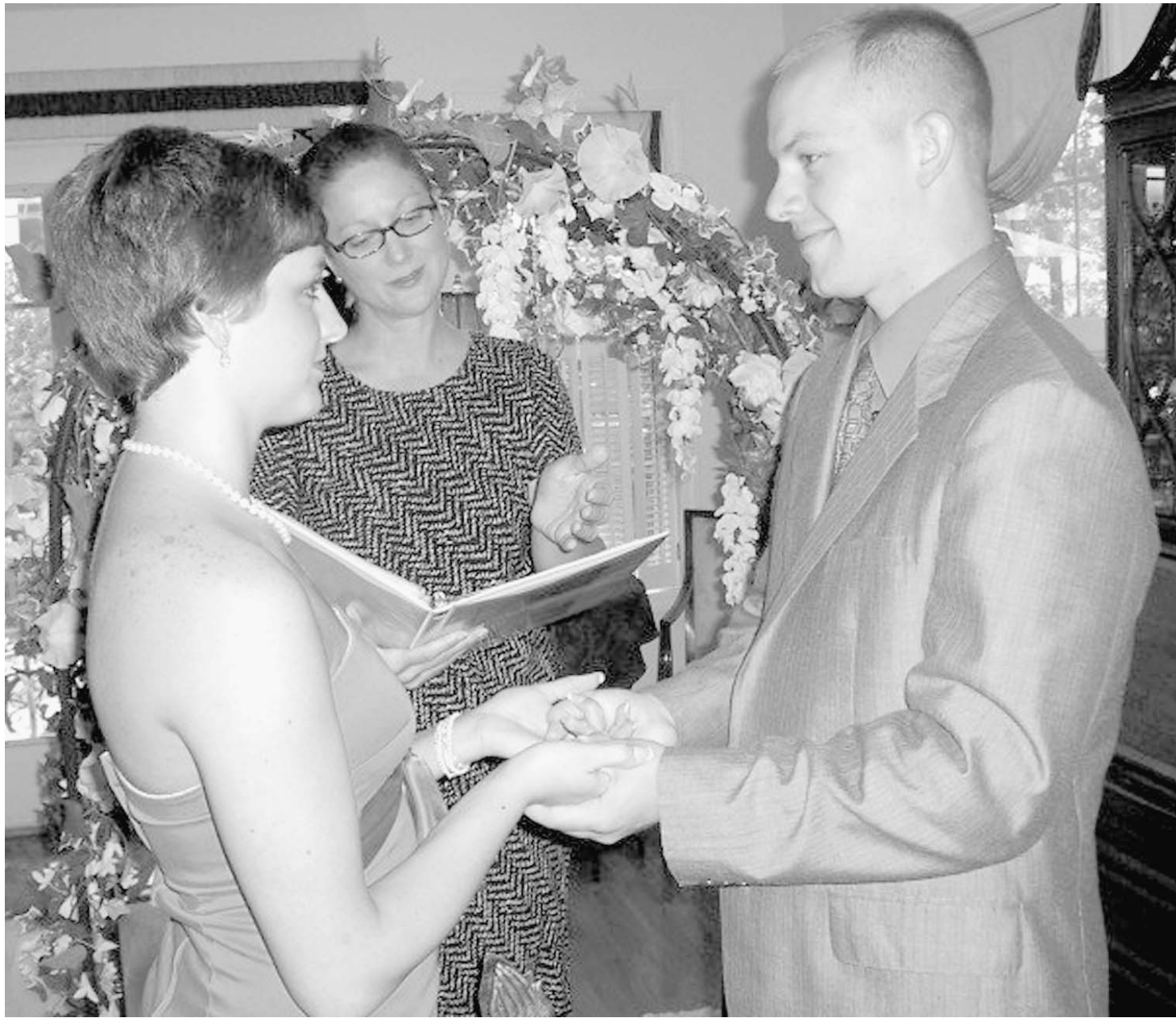
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David Voros gives a lecture to the Carolina Global Community on the merits of studying abroad.





Sarah Cornett, former USC student, and Kevin Cornett were married after Sarah dropped out during freshman year.

Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

# USC students tie knot

*Getting married young comes with benefits, responsibilities of balancing school, home life*

Liz Segrist  
STAFF WRITER

Bobby Phibbs proposed to his girlfriend of six years, Brooke Brant, on the 50-yard line of Williams-Brice Stadium.

Phibbs, a fourth-year physical education student, and Brant are waiting to get married and move in together until after their graduation sometime in 2009.

Many college students feel pressure to get engaged before they graduate, but marriage is not the picnic many expect.

Phibbs said his friends and family have been very supportive of their engagement without giving pressure.

"In today's society, I believe it is a personal choice," Phibbs said. "We have finally made the decision that we want to spend the rest of our lives together."

Megan Mann, a third-year biology student, said although she does not personally feel pressured, she believes that some people might.

"I do think that, in the South especially, there is pressure on people in their

early 20s to get married," Mann said.

Melissa Davis, a third-year biology student, became Mrs. Melissa Waller after a two-year relationship with Jace Waller and a proposal in September 2007.

"I didn't tell my family until October because I knew they would freak out because I was still in school and only 19," Waller said.

Half of her family did not talk to her until Christmas after the announcement because many were disappointed.

Money was also another stress for the Wallers.

"I was a poor college kid getting married. My parents were struggling to pay for college and then I added a wedding on top of everything," Waller said.

Sarah Cornett, a former USC student, eloped with Kevin Cornett after dating for three months.

Cornett, previously Sarah Midyette, met her husband because she works in Pops NY Pizza and Kevin is a police officer in Five Points.

Due to health issues, Sarah decided school was not for her.

"I dropped out my

freshman year and I got married and I have never been happier," Cornett said.

Cornett said that the biggest challenge they face is dealing with financial problems.

"We both support each other. Our incomes together are enough to pay the bills, however, we never really get to go out anymore and do what 'normal college kids' do," Cornett said.

Waller said her life has changed dramatically since the marriage.

"I go to school and come home and I have to clean the house and cook supper, I have to wash clothes, dishes, make our lunches and study for school," Waller said. "And this is all after my 10 hour school days."

But, Waller said it was difficult to have a serious, long-distance relationship in college and the separation made it hard to do her schoolwork.

"Honestly we got married because it was just too hard to wait," Waller said. "We were just miserable without each other."

Cornett said that they

**MARRIAGE ● A4**

## Crime Report

TUE., SEPTEMBER 4

### Grand Larceny-Laptop, 10:30 a.m.

School of Music, 1051 Assembly Street

The victim left her laptop case with a white Apple laptop inside on a bench outside of an elevator. When she returned, it was gone.

*Estimated value: \$1500.*

*Reporting officer: J. Culler*

*Estimated value: \$70.*

*Reporting officer: D. Davis*

### Malicious Injury to Real Property, 2:20 p.m.

Gambrell Hall, 817 Gambrell Street

An unknown person spray painted "Stop text book price inflation" on a wall in the basement of Gambrell. The police report said this is not gang-related or malicious.

*Reporting officer: J. Culler*

WED., SEPTEMBER 5

### Possession of Crack Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Distribute within Proximity of School, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Disregarding Traffic Signal, 9:52 p.m.

Intersection of Main Street and Whaley Street

Officers pulled Edricka Powell over for disregarding a traffic signal. She appeared nervous, but consented to a search of the vehicle. A passenger, Gabriel Legette, was told to exit the vehicle and then he fled. Legette hid in a bush, then ran at Officer Peter, who tasered him. Legette had outstanding warrants, along with crack cocaine in an Advil bottle. The officers confiscated 91.3 grams of drugs, and \$277.

*Reporting officers: R. Baker and N. Peter*

### Simple Assault and Battery, 12:48 p.m.

Capstone, 900 Barnwell Street

Charles Clinkscales pushed the victim when confronted about a previous incident. Clinkscales left when he was asked and the victim said he would not press charges.

*Reporting officer: D. Davis*

### Larceny of Bike

Capstone, 900 Barnwell Street

Between August 25 and September 5, an unknown person took a purple Magna bike by unknown means.

### Malicious Injury to Real Property, 1:00 p.m.

1300 Greene Street

An unknown person struck a chain post, causing \$200 worth of damage.

*Reporting officer: J. Widdifield*

### Grand Larceny-TV, 8 a.m.

East Quad Lobby, 1400 Blossom Street

Two unknown people claimed the new Samsung Plasma screen TV, in its box, behind the desk in the East Quad lobby was theirs. They left with it.

*Reporting officer: J. Widdifield*

### Auto Break In, Larceny of Books, 3:20 p.m.

103 South Marion Street

An unknown person broke the rear passenger window of '99 Jeep Grand Cherokee and took a Georgia Driver's License, credit cards, clothes and books. The total value of the stolen items was \$280.

*Reporting officer: J. Widdifield*

### Larceny of Bicycle

Capstone, 900 Barnwell Street

Sometime between 12:00 p.m. on August 20 and 10:00 a.m. on September 5, an unknown person stole a silver, red and blue Pacific DS2 bicycle.

*Estimated value of bicycle: \$100.*

*Estimated value of cable securing bicycle: \$20.*

*Reporting officer: Berwster-Gooding*

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Being a minority here may present challenges, but it also provides a unique view on the world.

"I look at the world through Jewish eyes," Sherman said. "Judaism is a very practical religion.

Judaism is meant to be lived each and every day. Judaism instructs us how to treat our neighbors, how to take care of the world, how we each have obligation to make the world a better place."

First-year business student Madeline Forman feels the same way.

"I feel that because of my Jewish background, I sometimes have a different perspective of certain events or people than many Christians," Forman said. "We were taught to always interpret the Bible with a grain of salt, and that many of the stories are not meant as literal, but as a means of teaching a lesson. I was taught to always remember who wrote the Torah, the Old Testament, men."

In addition to worship services, Tree of Life hosts holiday services and celebrations, and adult education classes.

The synagogue also offers Hebrew school for children of pre-school age through high school students, teaching Jewish traditions, practices and the Hebrew language.

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## USC finds fraternity members not guilty

### Phi Beta Sigma brothers still face civil court suits, national suspensions

Katie Jones  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

In July of this year, USC officials found members of Phi Beta Sigma who were arrested in April for an alleged hazing incident not guilty.

Peter Gaskins, Brandon Bomar, Brandon Bradley, William Henryhand, Brandon Barnes, Larry Singleton and Travis Sheffield were accused of blindfolding and beating a fellow student with a metal baseball bat more than 100 times, according to the police report. The alleged incident occurred last October.

"This past July Phi Beta Sigma members went before a USC jury and USC officials and were found not guilty," Gaskins, a fourth-year exercise science student, wrote in an email.

Adrian Rencher, the President of the USC chapter of Phi Sigma Beta and fourth-year electrical engineering student, said he was pleased with the outcome.

"I'm definitely relieved that my fraternity brothers were found not guilty," Rencher said. "It's a shame it took this long to get this far...but I'm glad everything worked out in the end for them, and everyone was able to graduate."

Bradley, Barnes, Sheffield and Singleton graduated last year.

"Travis Sheffield actually graduated with a PhD in pharmaceuticals," Rencher said.

Bomar is a hotel, restaurant and tourism management student while Henryhand is an English student.

The allegations against the fraternity members received heavy news coverage.

"I feel like we deserve some positive press," Gaskins said of being found not guilty.

Both Gaskins and Rencher feel the matter received unfair coverage.

"I feel like the accusations were really, really blown up," Gaskins said. "We had a hearing with the University in July and were found not guilty. And I feel like the public should know that."

The accused are looking to clear their names.

"We're not crazy folk who beat people with bats," Gaskins said.

Gaskins said that due to legalities he couldn't reveal what actually occurred at the frat initiation on October 9 of last year.

Associate Director of Judicial Affairs Alisa Cooney refused to comment on the outcome of the case, citing The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Despite the outcome of the case, "the national suspension [of the accused] still stands until 2014," Director of Greek Life Gena Runnion said in an email.

Civil suits against the men are still being pursued in Lexington County courts, according to Director of Student Life Jerry Brewer.

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## Stars perform for Hokies

### Matthews, Mayer headline concert at Virginia Tech

Sue Lindsey  
The Associated Press

#### BLACKSBURG, Va. -

An enthusiastic crowd of Virginia Tech students, faculty and out-of-towners cheered, waved their arms and sang along Thursday night at a concert conceived by rocker Dave Matthews in the days after the mass shootings on campus.

Fans, many clad in the school colors of maroon and orange, filled most of the 50,000 available seats and intermittently yelled "Let's go, Hokies" between acts.

"My heart is with you," said hip-hop artist Nas, wearing a maroon T-shirt that said "We are Virginia Tech" on the back. "I am honored to come out here and rap with y'all."

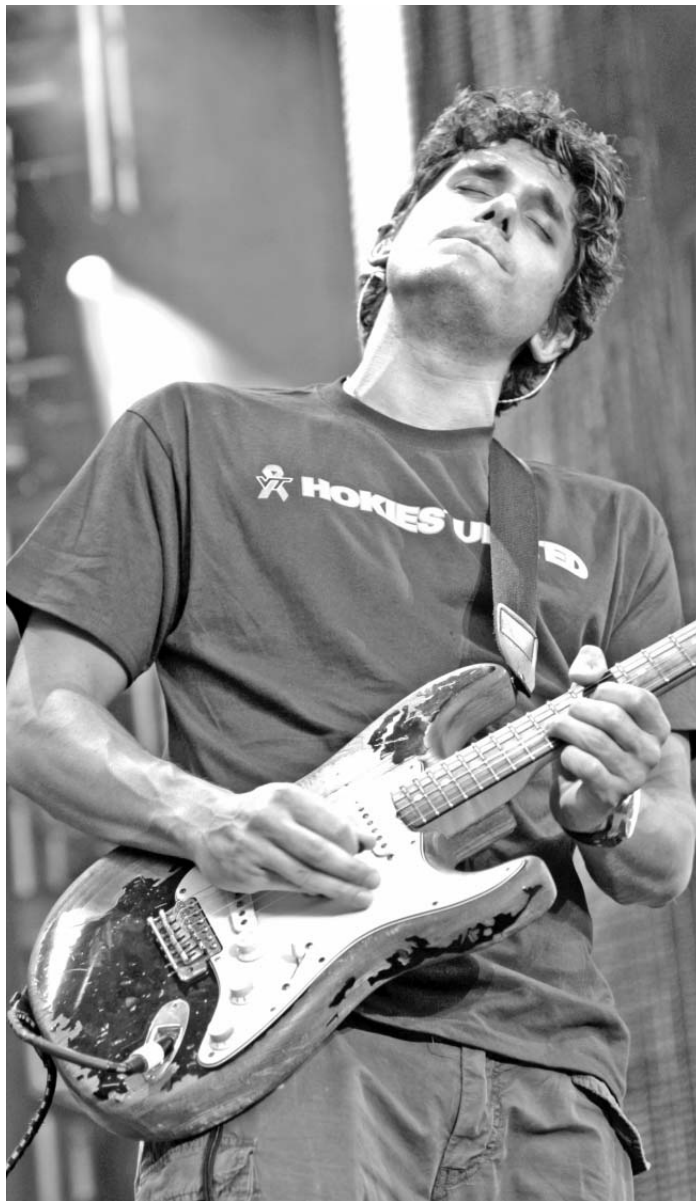
The crowd was on its feet for most of his 20-minute performance.

"It's so great to come home to see Virginia Tech," said country singer Phil Vassar, a Lynchburg native who opened the show.

Matthews was the headliner, and pop guitarist John Mayer preceded him.

"I think it's very admirable of them," said Brittney Trimmer, a junior from Richmond. "It shows somebody's got a heart."

Trimmer was friends with Caitlin Hammaren, one of 32 people killed by a student gunman who also took his own life April 16.



Steve Helber / The Associated Press

John Mayer gave a performance at the V. Tech concert.

She is also friends with Colin Goddard, who was among the two dozen injured.

"We're moving on," she said. "Whether we had this or not, we'd still be moving on."

Matthews proposed the concert soon after Seung-Hui Cho staged the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, university spokeswoman Cecelia

Hovis said. Matthews, who got his start playing fraternity parties at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, chose the lineup, Hovis said.

"It was designed to represent the diversity of the student body at Virginia Tech," she said.

Families of those killed were invited and had seats in a section with students injured in the shooting

spree, Hovis said.

"I think anything that gets people's minds off heavier issues is a good thing," said Sherri Cook, a faculty member in an engineering department that lost two professors and eight students. "There's been a general air of excitement all day."

The performers were donating their time, and each student, faculty and staff member was offered a free ticket to the concert at Lane Stadium. Those who got free tickets had the option to buy one as well, and 5,000 seats were offered to the public.

Greg Packer, 43, of Huntington, N.Y., bought a ticket on the Web site Craigslist and rode a bus overnight to attend the concert.

"I just wanted to show my support and express my sympathies," said Packer, who wore a commemorative T-shirt.

Hovis said the ticket sales, corporate sponsorships, and T-shirt sales would help cover Tech's expenses of about \$1 million to put on the concert.

Hours before the show, a prominent personal injury lawyer in Washington said his firm had been hired to represent the families of seven shooting victims. Peter Grenier said he expects three or four more families will retain the firm. No lawsuits have been filed.

Attorney General Bob McDonnell, who would represent the state in any lawsuits stemming from the shootings, had no comment, spokesman Tucker Martin said.

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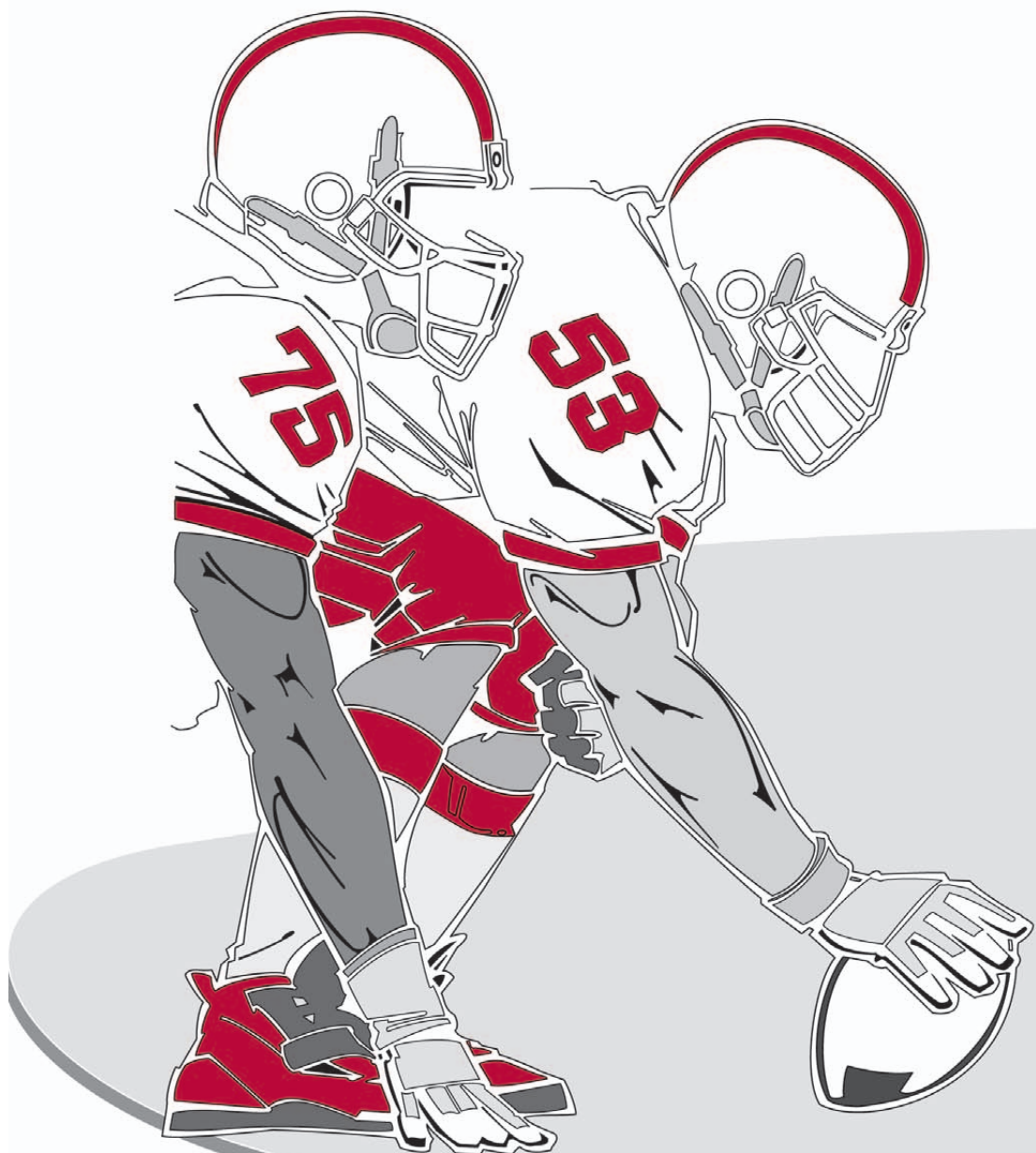
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**Herman Worthy, the tanker driver, was in a gas station getting lunch when his truck rolled away, into the house.**

*Tanker crashes into S.C. house, injures one*

The Associated Press

**JONESVILLE** - A fuel tanker parked at a gas station rolled away and crashed into a house across the street Thursday, injuring a man at the home, authorities said.

The tanker was carrying 8,000 gallons of fuel. None of it was spilled, authorities said.

The house, about 300 feet from the gas station, was pushed off its foundation, Highway Cpl. Bryan McDougald said.

The man was taken to Wallace Thomson Hospital, chief nursing officer Andrea Cocovich said. She would not release his name or provide any details on his

condition.

The tanker driver, Herman Worthy, 54, of Winnsboro, had parked the truck, but the vehicle was not secured properly, McDougald said.

No charges have been filed. The Highway Patrol was investigating Thursday afternoon.

Ann Kerr, a gas station employee, said Worthy was getting lunch when his truck began rolling.

"Someone said, 'Your truck's moving,' and he dropped everything and ran across the road," Kerr said. "It just rolled across the street into that little house."

Jonesville is about 55 miles southwest of Charlotte, N.C.

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one student's frustration with the University's handling of the Social Security breach

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graduated in May 2006, didn't know that her personal information, including her Social Security number, had been posted online until a reporter told her.

She had taken a lab with Michelle Vieyra on animal behavior in Spring 2006.

"I'm glad somebody caught it," Anderson said. She said she hasn't been contacted by USC at all. Anderson said she's worried her identity could be stolen.

McKinney and Lovell said the school is setting up a Web site and a phone hotline for students whose information may have been posted.

The site and hotline would help students find out what about them was leaked online and would give links to Web sites that have advice about identity theft, Lovell said. They did not know when the site and hotline would be set up.

"Hopefully, within the next day or so," McKinney said.

To Anderson, that's not enough.

know how many people had accessed the information and said copies of it could still exist.

"Nobody knows," he said.

McKinney said he did not know if any other Social Security numbers had been posted on other department Web sites. He said the school's tech department "routinely" looks for "this sort of thing," but couldn't explain why they had missed Vieyra's Web site for eight to nine months.

"We're looking into it," he said.

McKinney said he couldn't discuss any possible disciplinary action that might be taken against Vieyra for posting the information. She said she didn't know yet if she would be reprimanded.

First-year medical student Rose Coady's Social Security number was posted online in a file with 263 other students. Coady remembered having Vieyra as an instructor, but couldn't remember which class it was. The information was from fall 2005 or spring 2006, according to SSNbreach.org.

Not every student whose information was leaked was upset.

Jamie Knox, a second-year biology student, said he hadn't heard anything from USC and didn't really know what was going on. After learning of the breach last night, after The Daily Gamecock posted a breaking news story, Knox checked Titus's site and found his name and information had been posted.

Knox's name and detailed lab and final scores were posted in a file along with 68 other student records. He said because his Social Security number wasn't released, he wasn't concerned about identity theft.

Knox said the hotline and Web site USC will launch are "better than nothing." He said the people responsible for the leak should be reprimanded.

Staff writer Brad Maxwell contributed to this report.

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families and can focus on our relationship better," Waller said.

Waller said that she knows many people are against young marriages.

"I know lots of people think getting married in college is a stupid and rushed decision but we loved each other and knew that we could do it so we did," Waller said.

Mann said that age does not necessarily matter for marriage, but that marrying young would be difficult.

"It would be a difficult

balance of multiple responsibilities from having a job to providing for yourselves, doing well in your classes and maintaining a strong, loving relationship," Mann said.

Cornett said that they appreciate each other more since they are married.

"We are very much in love and we know that there is such a thing as divorce and neither of us want that to happen," Cornett said.

Waller said that the difficulties have nothing to do with being in a college atmosphere.

"My friends say that I was married long before I actually got married because I was already dedicated to my relationship. While most students are going to clubs, I go to the grocery store," Waller said. "But it was my decision and I'm completely happy with it."

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settled in couches and armchairs, Voros unveiled a slide show of several famous paintings, including the Mona Lisa by Da Vinci, and discussed their connection to international travel.

"My point in all this is to prove that perspective is rooted in experience," Voros said. "When we change our perspective, it's a big thing—it changes us."

Voros said the two elements generally associated with international studies are perspective and experience.

"Experience is a word used to quantify the merits of international studies," Voros said.

Voros asked the foreign students in attendance to discuss how their perspectives have changed by visiting the United States.

Ali Sarvestani, a chemical engineering staff member originally from Iran, said that two things that surprised him were the prevalence of SUVs and tall city buildings.

"I think some people in this city have never seen the sun," Sarvestani said.

Mehra said he enjoyed the

lecture and would attend similar events in the future.

"It was good to have a faculty member give insight on his own international experience to students," Mehra said.

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Breach needed quick administrative action

Identity theft is not a novelty anymore. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that 10 million Americans have had personal information accessed and used to open illegal bank accounts or credit cards.

Just last summer, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it had lost track of a laptop containing medical and insurance data for some 18,000 veterans.

The lack of a reaction made the administration look flat-footed.

Leaking thousands of students' personal information on the Internet is inexcusable in this day and age. A security breach of this magnitude should not sneak up on anyone, particularly a university like USC.

That the grades, social security numbers and names of students were floating around on the internet for nearly a year is disturbing enough, but in the days since administration was informed, no public announcement was made.

Some affected students had no idea until Daily Gamecock reporters interviewed them.

While the breach should not have happened, the lack of a reaction made the administration look flat-footed. If the only secret this school can't keep is its students' private information, we may have a problem.

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## DA SToudenMIRE CODE

### Raw, real men needed for trophy win

Roman battles could bring championship inspiration, change idea of manliness

Dorky men program computers. Thoughtful men write poetry. Manly men play football. But these supposedly manly men are living a lie, folks. That's why we still haven't won an SEC championship.

Allow me to explain. Saturday evening. A welcome chill in the winter air, following months of matches in the searing heat. They say it's coolest at the peak of the mountain.

This is where our combatants are today, the last men standing in the fight to be the best, having steadily defeated all the rest.

A festive atmosphere. Ninety thousand spectators pouring into an arena, ripe with anticipation for the clash between these noble combatants. The staging ground stirring with Trojans on one side and Tigers on the other, each eyeing their opponent with conflicting notions of respect and hatred. One will know victory, the other defeat. Both of them smell bad.

Trojans. Tigers. Combat. Entertainment. Got the



**CHASE SToudenMIRE**  
*Fourth-year history student*

image in your head? You probably spent those last few paragraphs imagining this season's hypothetical national championship football game between Southern Cal and LSU. If you did, you're a dainty little fairy-dusted shred of what was once a powerful human race. You're a victim of the ongoing Wussification of mankind.

Go back to that image of the arena. Look past the dainty, floral frame made of yellow lace you've probably put it in and focus on the evidence.

You'll see helmets and shoulder pads, emergency medical crews, male cheerleaders, etc. Not exactly the ingredients for a brutal battle to determine strength and superiority. But thousands of years ago in the Roman Colosseum, no one was wearing pads. There were no body-fixing doctors, only body-removing peasants. There may have been male cheerleaders, but that sort of thing is

rumored to have been very popular in the classical world.

Most importantly, the Tigers actually were tigers, complete with fangs, fur and an apparent taste for human blood, not well-padded men who call themselves tigers or a goofy sophomore wearing a large furry body suit with an even larger and furrier head.

Humans today are total wusses! We've lost our taste for raw, uninhibited violence! Even our supposedly manliest men put on full pads before they fight!

So I offer this suggestion to the University. Let's man-up and make things interesting around here. Stop feeding the football team in a cafeteria. Make them go out and kill their own food.

Don't give them any pads or water. Force them to live like savages for a few weeks, and soon there won't be any pack of supposed Tigers, Gators or Bulldogs we can't dismantle with ease.

I'll gladly accept the SEC championship trophy on the team's behalf, as long as they promise not to eat me.

### Don't lose self in college atmosphere

New surroundings help find oneself, not create entirely new personality

People say that when you go off to college you become the person you really are, that college is the time when you find yourself. I look around at the people who have turned their personalities upside down since coming to school. Apparently they thought you were supposed to actually create yourself instead of finding yourself.

Students stumble into a new world with new people, and none of the people out there know the person you were before you stepped onto this campus. People think that it is the perfect opportunity to start completely over; the best part, all of your new friends will assume this is the real you and all of your old



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friends will think college has helped you discover who you really are. A religious prude can be found by a keg stand while a boy tries to keep her from vomiting all over herself because she can't handle the alcohol. And then there are the people who want to be the partiers, the ones who "do college right," but they know deep inside they aren't the people who want many shots they took before going out so they can fake being drunk all night and enjoy being the center of attention.

Memo to all of these people: you didn't find yourself. You lost yourself

when you started pretending that you are somebody that you aren't. The act might fool everyone for a little while, and you might even be fooled yourself, but by the end of the year you will be burnt out, miserable and lonely because the person that everyone around you has gotten to know is a fake. Your new friends will have watched you fall apart and they will be confused about who you really are, and your old friends will be irritated and probably move on, thinking you aren't the person you used to be.

So to all of you who think college is your chance to morph into the kind of person you want to be or the person you think others want you to be, save yourself the time and save all of us our nerves and stick to the not-so-blank slate you came here with.

### Withholding is necessary for honesty in taxpayers

'The FairTax Book' fails in presenting alternative for current system, laws

Last week I basically discussed how obnoxious author Neil Boortz is and why everything in "The FairTax Book" needs to be taken with a grain of salt.

While reading a book by someone like Boortz is painful, it's even worse when he slaps your intelligence in the face by claiming to give an unbiased view of the FairTax plan and then leaving out key statistics.

The book devotes a whole chapter to withholding, that gremlin which raids your paycheck every other Friday. Don't get me wrong—every time I open up a check and see a large chunk missing I'm not exactly putting on a kilt and doing a jig.

They write, "[Politicians] saw that withholding was the one way they could camouflage the actual tax burden pressed on the American people and further their political dream of spreading the scope and power of the federal government."

In 1913 a law was passed allowing the government to withhold taxes from workers' paychecks. It was repealed in 1917, and according to Boortz, "citizens went back to paying their taxes in one lump sum."

Reality check—people went back to not paying taxes at all. I happen to like roads and national defense. Withholding set in for good in 1943, as funding for the war was getting tight. Prior to WWII, 6 percent of people paid income tax. After withholding? 75 percent.

The only thing worse than me paying taxes is my neighbor NOT paying taxes, while still driving down publicly funded roads.

The FairTax will fix this, of course. Everyone will pay taxes... except people who can afford to do most of their shopping out of the country. The FairTax claims to tax this as it is now, with customs. Are you kidding? If I lived in upstate New York, I would eat every meal in Canada and make countless purchases there (not really, but you get the point).

The point is, no matter what the system, people will figure out a way around it. So let's just make it as hard as possible to circumvent—take a fair portion now, and square up every April 15.

I agree, withholding does confuse many taxpayers. Getting a \$1,000 refund doesn't say anything about the taxes you paid. It just means you made a \$1,000 interest free loan to the government for a few months. Doesn't sound so good anymore does it?

There are drawbacks to both plans. There will always be disadvantages. The point here is not to let two blowhards convince you everything under the FairTax will be completely peaches and cream once we leave our current system of taxation behind.



**JOSH RABON**  
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# Hot shows of fall television line up

*Programs have potential, offer variety from drama to gripping reality*

Tas Anjarwalla  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Fall is always the start of some great new television programs for the 2007-2008 season. So, here is a list of some of fall's most (and least) promising TV shows that you can add to your list of things to watch instead of studying.

**Kid Nation:** Wed., Sept. 19, 8:00 p.m. on CBS

A weird new reality-TV show where forty kids, from ages eight to 15, live in a parentless town. They have to create their own rules, elect their own leaders, cook their own food and basically take charge of their own lives for forty days. The kids can leave whenever they want, and no one is voted off. What I'm wondering is if there aren't any adults around, who is filming the show?

**Gossip Girl:** Wed., Sept. 19, 9 p.m. on NBC

Based on the hit book series, *Gossip Girl* circles around the life of Serena Van Der Woodsen (Blake Lively) who has arrived back in town. Her ex-best friend Blair (Leighton Meester) isn't ready to give back her title of popularity just yet, and the persistent blogger "Gossip Girl" is there to reveal all of these It Girls' secrets. Catty teen drama ensues, promising a great guilty pleasure for any girl. Don't be ashamed, you know you want to see this.

**Chuck:** Mon., Sept. 24, 8 p.m. on NBC

From the producer of "The O.C." comes a comedy about Chuck, (Zachary Levi), your average electronics store employee turned secret agent. One day Chuck reads e-mail encoded with confidential government information. Somehow the government secrets get downloaded into his brain, and now everyone is after him. I admit, the premise sounds a little hard to believe, but if paired with witty dialogue and some well-executed humor, this series (according to my roommate) has the potential to be a great comedy.

**Reaper:** Tues., Sept. 25, 9 p.m. on CW

On his 21st birthday Sam learns that his parents sold his soul to the devil before he was born. Now Satan is ready to claim what is his. In this "comedic adventure" Sam must work for the devil by capturing demons from hell and sending them back to the underworld. A true American comedy.

**Viva Laughlin:** Wed., Sept. 26, 9 p.m. on CBS

Ripley Holden takes a risk opening a grand new casino in Laughlin, Nev. When Holden's ex-partner is found dead life gets

a little more difficult, not to mention the entrepreneur's issues on the home front. With guest appearances by Hugh Jackman, one wonders why there is a lot of skepticism about the show. Oh yeah, maybe it's because it is a musical.

**Bionic Woman:** Wed., Sept. 26, 9 p.m. on NBC

Jaime Sommers, a bartender caring for her teenage sister, almost dies in a car accident. Her super-smart boyfriend, Will, saves her life. By turning her into a woman with bionic body parts. Will Jamie use her powers for good? It all seems pretty self-explanatory. If you want another superhero knock-off, then be sure to catch this on the 26th. Just a clue: my dad really wants to see this show, which means it probably won't be very good.

**Aliens in America:** Mon., Oct. 1, 8:30 p.m. on The CW

Jason Tolchuck sucks at life. A friendless high schooler living in Medora, Wis., Jason, 16, just can't get a break. His mom, Franny, orders him a guaranteed friend through the school's exchange student program, but the Tolchucks don't get the cool blonde athlete they were expecting. Instead, they get Raja Musharaff, a Muslim Pakistani who just screams "terrorist." So politically incorrect, it has to be funny.

**Cavemen:** Tues., Oct. 2, 8 p.m. on ABC

As if the Geico commercials weren't annoying enough, they decided to make a TV show out of them. Neanderthals Jamie, Joel, and Nick live in a modern southern suburban town. They are cavemen. Enough said. (Can no one else get the image of Curtis the Caveman from Phil of the Future out of their mind?)

**Pushing Daisies:** Wed., Oct. 3, 8 p.m. on ABC

When Ned (Lee Pace) was a child he found that he could bring the dead back to life through his touch, but if they were ever touched by him again they'd be dead forever. As a grown man working as a private eye's aid, Ned hears about the murder of Chuck, a girl he used to love, and so he brings her back to life. With an obvious twist reminiscent of a chick flick, Ned can never come into contact with Chuck, because then she'd be gone for good. So cheesy, so sad, so cute.

**Samantha Who:** Mon., Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m. on ABC

After waking up from an eight-day coma, Samantha (Christina Applegate) has no idea who she is. As she finds out more about herself Sam realizes just what an awful person she used to be, and battles her instincts to be that person once more.



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*Viva Laughlin is a musical comedy about a risk taking entrepreneur starts a casino. Hugh Jackman is set to make a guest appearance.*



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*The new, already controversial CBS show, Kid Nation, explores what a totally kid run, community would be like.*



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## Film balances message, humor

*"The Kingdom" addresses current world issues while Foxx's performance shines*

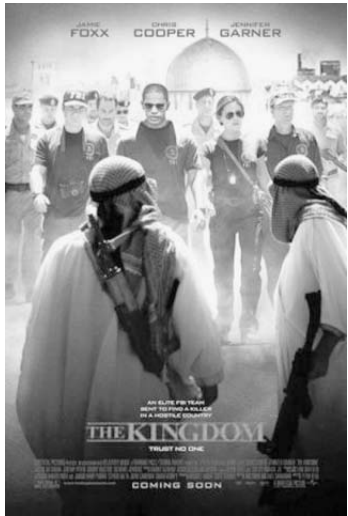
"The Kingdom"  
★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Mark Killian  
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You know those articles in the newspaper every other day about random car bombings in Iraq? The ones that always seem to get pushed to the back pages while Paris Hilton's latest antics get plastered all over the front? Actor-turned-director Peter Berg aims to remind you of such events in his latest film *The Kingdom*.

If you are one of those people that make your final seating adjustments during the opening credits of a movie, be sure to show up a couple minutes early to this one. The moment the Universal Pictures Globe vanishes from the screen you are given a crash course in the history of America's dealings with Saudi Arabia. From there the movie progresses directly into an unexpected car bombing on an American Embassy in *The Kingdom*, also known as Saudi Arabia.

From there it is up to a group of four vigilante FBI agents to travel to *The Kingdom* and show



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the Saudis how to catch a criminal, American style. The crew is led by Agent Ronald Fluery (Academy Award Winner Jamie Foxx) and composed of Agents Mayes (Jennifer Garner), Leavitt (Jason Bateman) and Sykes (Academy Award Winner Chris Cooper).

With such a startling introduction the last thing you would ever expect to do in *The Kingdom* is laugh, but when seasoned comedic actors like Foxx and Bateman begin with the wise cracks, it is impossible to restrain.

Besides his brief spurts of comedic brilliance, Foxx provides yet another

powerfully captivating performance. His spectrum of emotions makes Agent Ronald Fluery as realistic as your next-door neighbor. Foxx's ability to flip from humorous to serious at the drop of a grenade is unmatched.

In writer Matthew Michael Carnahan's defense, a very valuable lesson remains hidden amongst the rubble like the picture find of a *Highlights Magazine*. Unfortunately, this lesson becomes so buried beneath witticism and bloodshed; the less observant viewer may exit the theater entirely unaware of its meaning. What could serve as a strong political statement like 2005's *Syriana*, becomes more of an entertaining Middle-Eastern conflict movie like 1999's *Three Kings*.

Ultimately, *The Kingdom* will entertain all patrons who pay to see it. Whether your preference is action, comedy or even emotionally stimulating sequences accompanied by appropriately placed acoustic guitars this movie will deliver. The only question is whether or not you will be able to digest it all in one sitting?



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**Every Time I Die may be over with their newest album.**

## "The Big Dirty" makes a big stink

*New album may spell death for music group Every Time I Die*

"The Big Dirty"  
Every Time I Die  
★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Thomas Moore  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

On first listen, *Every Time I Die*'s fourth and most recent LP, "The Big Dirty," released on September 4th on Ferret Records, seems to be aptly titled. The first track, "No Son of Mine,"

begins with a dirty, dirty riff, made so by an appropriate and impressive mixture of dissonance and distortion that has come to characterize *Every Time I Die*'s signature sound. "No Son of Mine" is a terrific opener in that it immediately hooks the listener and sustains his interest throughout the entirety of the track. Unfortunately, such an effective beginning tends to portend a similar degree of quality throughout the album. Instead, it essentially lures in the listener as a device to spark interest in the rest of the album,

which, disappointingly, is less impressive.

Rabid fans of "Hot Damn!": if you have not already abandoned *Every Time I Die* after "Gutter Phenomenon," it's pretty likely that this album will be the kicker for you.

However, this is not to say that the album is completely devoid of merit. *Every Time I Die* has a knack for writing unique and stimulating riffs. Their songs generally consist of three or four noteworthy riffs pulled together to form a song. This was most evident on "Hot Damn!" But the reason that album was so memorable is because they sounded like absolute madmen. The chaos and unconventionality of it all was instantly appealing. Not only that, the album had a lasting appeal. By this I mean, one was not tired of it after a few listens. The problem with "The Big Dirty" is not that they have abandoned writing great riffs. These are still manifest. But with the loss of the commotion and spontaneity so evident in "Hot Damn!" the riffs do not have the same effect.

Regardless, Keith Buckley has never been a better front man than on "The Big Dirty." His vocals are no longer simply another necessary facet of the music



PIC OF THE DAY



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Saturday night's two-touchdown triumph over the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns apparently was not enough to satisfy hardcore Gamecock football fans.

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**DIRTY** ♦ Continued from A6  
This time around, his vocals are the unifying factor of the rest of the group. As a result, these tracks are probably much better witnessed live, so one can see the synergy they exhibit as a group. Lyrically, Buckley again

brings biting sarcasm and twisted glamour to the table. When he exclaims “Don’t look/ it’s too much to bear/ I’ve been bitten by the party animal,” he clearly knows how he feels about being “bitten,” but his use of ambiguity allows the listener

to decide whether or not this is a favorable occurrence. Though individually, the riffs make for intriguing listening, Every Time I Die has simply failed to put together a cohesive album that maintains the listener’s interest.

the scene at USC

Meg and Dia



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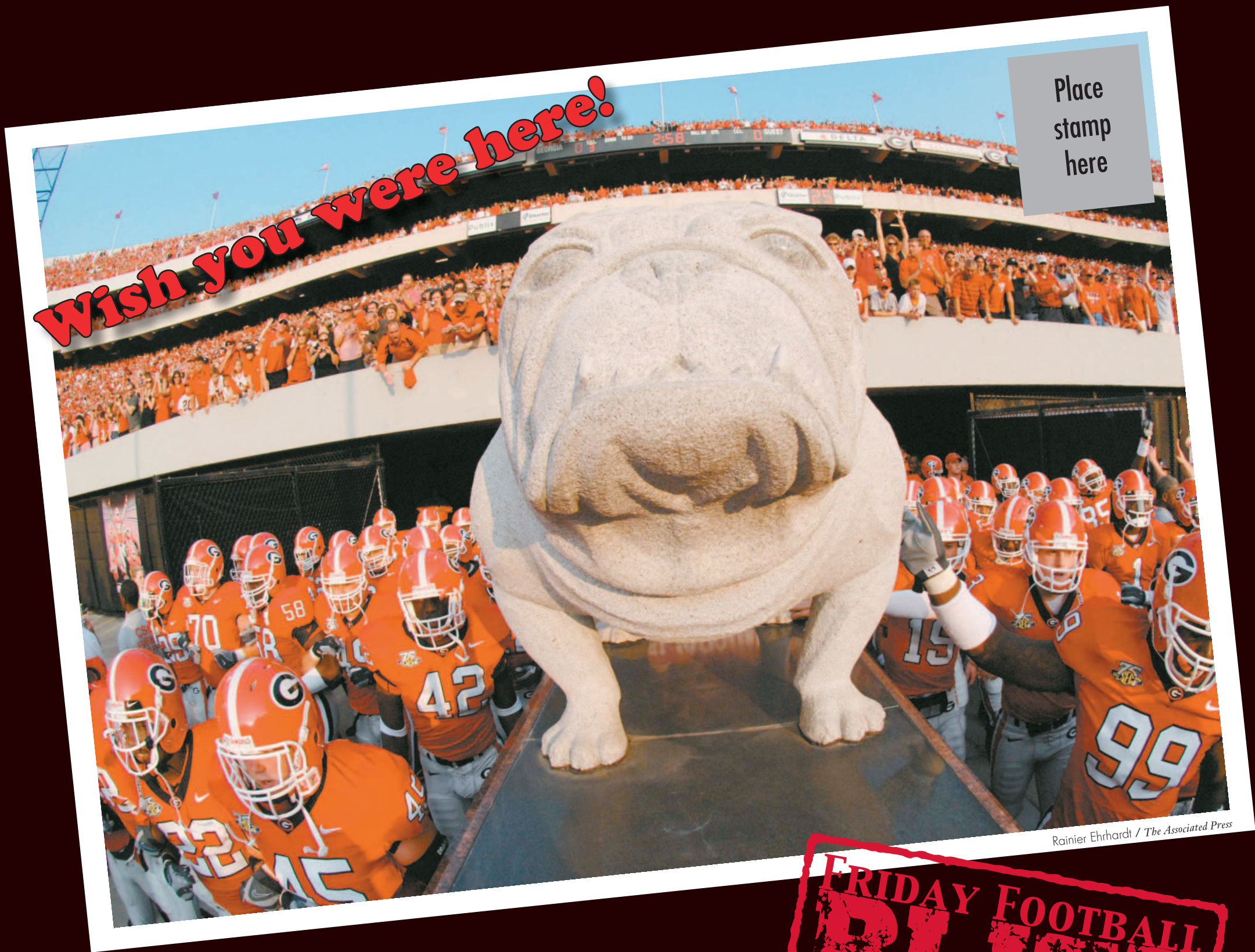
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# Georgia on my mind

FRIDAY FOOTBALL  
BLITZ

*Georgia natives play key roles for Gamecocks in Saturday's gridiron grapple*

Britton Thomas  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

There is a lot of excitement surrounding the South Carolina football team this week. Conference play begins this Saturday with a trip to Georgia. The Gamecocks are looking to beat the Bulldogs for the first time since winning 14-9 in 2001.

A win against the Bulldogs would not only grant USC bragging rights, but would also be the first step towards winning the SEC East for the first time. UGA is the only team in the East that South Carolina hasn't beaten since Spurrier took over in 2005.

This is something the Ol' Ball Coach is eager to fix. It is well documented that Steve Spurrier doesn't particularly care for UGA. Spurrier went 11-1 against the Bulldogs as the head coach of Florida, and he has gone out of his way to run up the score on the Bulldogs in the past. A big road win early in the season will help convince any skeptics that USC is capable of winning the SEC's eastern division.

To some of the players on the USC roster, winning the UGA game would mean more than a good start to the season. There are 15 players on the Carolina roster that played their high school football in the Peach State.

This list includes Blake Mitchell, Kenny McKinley, Jared Cook, Carlos Thomas, Eric Norwood and the Brinkley twins. These players will have a huge impact on the outcome of the game. Also expect to see Georgia natives Yvan Banag, Vandalal Shackelford, Ladi Ajiboye and Jonathan Williams get some reps on defense and special teams.

"I treat it like any other game, but deep down inside you've got that feeling that you want to beat them, because it's your hometown, and you're not on their side of the ball" linebacker Jasper Brinkley said of this weekends coming, "It's also our next game, and you always want to win your next game. It's the first stepping stone to winning the SEC championship."

"This game is no more important than any other game,"

quarterback Blake Mitchell said. "Not other than I have friends that go there and I have to hear it from them."

A win in this game would be a huge step in the Gamecocks' effort to earn a spot in the SEC Championship game in Atlanta. A loss would send Carolina down the familiar path of late December bowl games. A defeat would be tough to overcome in the SEC race as Carolina faces road trips to Tennessee, LSU, and Arkansas.

The Bulldogs have more question marks than the other SEC contenders. Georgia has very little experience on the defensive side of the ball. UGA returns only three full time starters from last season. Kade Weston and Jeff Owens return as starting defensive tackles. Kelin Johnson returns as starting strong safety. Johnson is by far their most experience defender. He has played in every game for the past three years.

That being said, Georgia still has a wealth of talent.

"Yeah, they do a good job though [despite being inexperienced]. They're fast, they're always good. They always have really athletic players," Mitchell said. "I know there are some new guys in the secondary and on the defensive line, but from what we've seen, they're fast and physical, just like they always are."

Peach state natives Mitchell and Kenny McKinley could be USC's keys to the aerial attack this weekend. With the departure of Sidney Rice, Mitchell's favorite target from last season, McKinley will assume the role of the No. 1 receiving threat.

The junior wide receiver started the season with a solid performance against Louisiana-Lafayette (six catches, 44 yards, TD). McKinley, played his high school ball at South Cobb high school, which is just over an hour outside of Athens.

Another key for USC could be Suwanee, GA native Jared Cook, who, with his 6-foot-5-inch frame and 40-

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This week's preview:  
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# Run game set for young linebackers

*Offensive production rests on Mitchell's return, steady ground attack*

Kevin Walker  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

When the Gamecock offense takes the field Saturday against the Georgia Bulldogs, they will most likely be led by their fifth-year senior quarterback.

LaGrange, Ga., native Blake Mitchell is expected to return to the field after sitting out the first game due to suspension.

"There's a good chance that [Mitchell] will start but we don't want to announce that yet, we want to keep Georgia in the dark a little bit", USC coach Steve Spurrier said.

For Mitchell the return to the lineup is a welcome change after being on the sidelines for the opening game.

"I mean it's definitely no fun just to be sitting there watching. But those guys did a great job, Smelley and Beecher did a good job out there for us." Mitchell said of the team's season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette.

If Mitchell does start, the quarterback position should be efficient, if not productive.

If Mitchell even comes close to his late season performance last year, (in the final three-game stretch of the season, Mitchell completed 68 percent of his passes and threw for 929 yards and eight touchdowns) then the play of quarterback position will be solid.

The real key on offense will be the play of senior tailback Cory Boyd.

Should the passing game struggle, Boyd must take advantage of the carries he will undoubtedly see.

However confidence in his ability is something that Boyd doesn't lack.

"Hey if they think they can shut me down, they can try. Many have tried, a lot have failed," Boyd said. "We're just going to go out and try to put forth our best effort on the field, and hopefully we can go out there and get the job done."

In last year's Georgia game, a game in which the whole offense struggled, Boyd had nine carries for only 17 yards in a losing effort to a stingy Bulldog defense.

This year, however, the Georgia defense will counter the Carolina run game with three inexperienced linebackers.

Of the probable starting Bulldog line backing corps, only senior Brandon Miller started games on defense last year.

The other two probable starters for UGA include Darius Dewberry, a sophomore Junior College transfer facing his first SEC competition, and Dannell Ellerbe, who appeared in ten games last year while only recording seven total tackles.

The combination of Boyd and his running mate, junior Mike Davis, does not bode well for the UGA defensive backfield.

# Hungry defense aims to jam 'Dogs

*Front seven ready to slow down potent Georgia rushers in SEC debut*

Michael Aguilar  
STAFF WRITER

The University of Georgia has one thing going for it that no other college football program will ever be able to claim. At one point in time, Herschel Walker played running back between the hedges. Since then, scores of aspiring high school graduates have flocked to UGA in hopes of becoming the next Bulldog to garner the Heisman Trophy.

Senior running backs Thomas Brown and Gregg Lumpkin were two of those young hopefuls at one point. Even though Lumpkin most likely will not play on Saturday the Georgia rushing attack has found ways to gain yards on the ground in the two matches that Steve Spurrier has been at the helm for. The Bulldogs averaged 218 yards a game in the last two meetings against the Gamecocks.

But this season, junior linebacker Dustin Lindsey says "we've got something for them."

Lindsey sat out last season and was injured in the 2007 spring game. He labored through a summer of physical therapy and intense training in order to be ready for this season and, in particular, this game.

"I can't wait to get on that bus and drive down to Athens," Lindsey said. "I can't wait to get off, get dressed, get padded up and hit somebody."

The Gamecocks missed Lindsey's presence over the last season and especially last Saturday, where Louisiana-Lafayette mustered up 252 yards on the ground. During his sophomore season Lindsey was the second-leading tackler for the Gamecocks, preceded only by current NFL star Ko Simpson.

"Dustin is another great physical player," senior linebacker Casper Brinkley said. "Having Dustin back is a plus because Dustin brings a lot of aggressiveness."

Carolina desperately needs some aggressiveness, as the gaping hole in the defense was definitely a cause for concern for the Gamecocks. The Bulldogs faced a legitimate contender in Oklahoma State last

Saturday and managed to gain nearly 150 yards on the ground.

This last week was spent in intense practice. The USC defense worked hard on tackling drills, conditioning and being in the right place in hopes of putting a hold on the Bulldog ground attack.

"Basically we've been emphasizing tackling and wrapping up," Brinkley said. "Making a tackle and not missing a tackle. Putting our lines in the right place so we won't have to think as much and have that slow us down. We can focus on playing hard and playing fast."

Carolina will be looking for a lot of big plays from its front seven. This season is

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breaks down the key  
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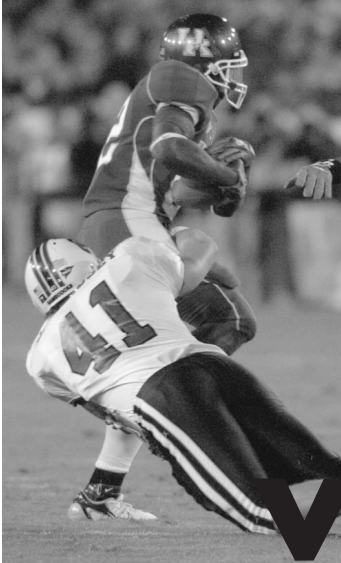
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inch vertical leap, could take advantage of the fact the Bulldogs don't have a starting corner over 5'11".

UGA is notorious for pulling in top-10 recruiting classes. Georgia has a lot of athletes on the defensive side of the ball, but their lack of experience may come back to bite them.

Georgia only offered scholarships to Carlos Thomas and Vandalal Shackleford coming out of high school (according to Scout.com). Blake Mitchell said that he was offered as well. Those three would love to validate their decision to attend USC with a victory in Athens over the weekend.

The rest of the Georgia residents might be interested in showing UGA what they may have overlooked on the recruiting trail in years past.

Though he wouldn't give a prediction for the game, Brinkley did foresee a good contest between the hedges.

"It's going to be a good, hard-fought game. It'll be close," Brinkley said.

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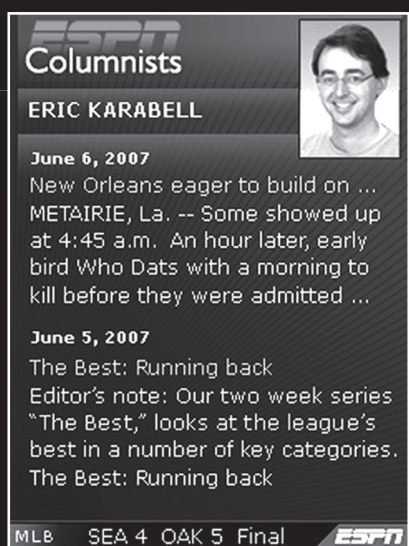
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# Questions with Jake Broom

**1. Are the Gamecocks really as bad as they looked against Louisiana-Lafayette?**

After the first two drives, USC looked like they had switched jerseys with Dutch Fork High School. There were missed tackles, missed assignments, dropped passes and general mediocrity. The more I think about it, the more this weekend's game scares me.

The good news is that Georgia is completely

different from Louisiana-Lafayette. Yes, they are bigger, stronger and faster than the Ragin' Cajuns, but they run a completely different offense and defense; one that USC is more accustomed to facing. At least that is what I keep telling myself.

**2. Are the Bulldogs really as good as they looked against Oklahoma State?**

Oklahoma State was calling their offense the "World's Greatest Offense" this off-season. Wow, Cowboys, you might want to re-think that campaign. Georgia made them look like what they really are—the second-best offense in the

state of Oklahoma and the third-best (behind Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas) in the Big 12 South.

Another disturbing development is that Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford looked less like the chubby, curly-haired freshman of last year that threw interceptions like he thought they were touchdowns, and more like an All-SEC quarterback.

Georgia is no joke, and the Gamecocks will have to play roughly 6,000 times better than they did against Louisiana-Lafayette to win. (Just trust me; I did the math in my head.)

**3. Will the return of**

**Blake Mitchell make a big difference for USC's offense?**

Blake Mitchell's return will be a bigger deal than most people are willing to admit. His ability as a passer is severely underrated, and he is the most prepared quarterback to audible at the line of scrimmage. This will be a big deal because Spurrier's ability to audible from the sideline will be limited in Athens.

Also, his giant facemask will give the kids something to play on between quarters and during TV timeouts. Good times.

**4. Will the atmosphere in Athens affect USC's play?**

Since Spurrier came to Carolina, his teams have been 3-5 in SEC home games and 5-3 in SEC away games. For some reason, the atmosphere hasn't really been a problem.

Winning at Clemson last year proved that the Gamecocks have no problem with drunken rednecks screaming at them for the duration of a game. Athens shouldn't be a big deal.

**5. Will the potential return of a Lindsey twin make all things right in the Gamecock world?**

After watching the missed tackles last weekend, Spurrier hinted that linebacker Dustin Lindsey might see some playing time this weekend

because he is big, tough and loves hitting people.

Lindsey is somehow already returning from the ACL injury he suffered in April, and having him actually play football without his knee falling apart on national television would be a small medical miracle.

Even if he isn't completely healed, he will bring attitude, intensity and toughness to a defense that will need it to stop the Georgia offense.

Jordin Lindsey is still in academic purgatory, but one Lindsey is better than none.

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# Week 2 full of intrigue, choice contests

## Match-up on Bayou, battle in Lone Star state highlight weekend games

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Aside from Appalachian State's stunning upset in the Big House over Michigan, the opening weekend of college football was relatively bland. These 10 matchups in week two should certainly spice things up a bit.

### 10. #16 Nebraska at Wake Forest (12:00 p.m. ESPN)

The Demon Deacons opened up the defense of their ACC title last week with a loss to Boston College in Chestnut Hill. Things don't get any easier this week when they host Big 12 North favorite Nebraska.

Nebraska quarterback Sam Keller was strong last week in his first game played since transferring from Arizona State in October 2005. Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan lit up Wake Forest last week for over 400 yards passing. Expect Keller to do the same this week en route to a comfortable 'Husker road win.

**Score: Nebraska 38 Wake Forest 21**

### 9. #22 Boise State at Washington (3:30 p.m.)

Ty Willingham is trying to get Washington back to a bowl game for the first time since 2002. A 42-12 victory over Syracuse last week in the Carrier Dome was a good start, but the Huskies' schedule gets tough quickly with Boise State coming to town.

Boise State's Fiesta Bowl star running back Ian Johnson should have a big game, and the Bronco's should do enough to win a high-scoring contest.

**Score: Boise State 42 Washington 31**

### 8. Notre Dame at #14 Penn State (6:00 p.m. ESPN)

After last week's 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis has named stud freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen the starter against Penn State.

It won't get any easier for the Fighting Irish this week though. Penn State's defense is just as good as Georgia Tech's and the offense is better. This one shouldn't be close.

**Score: Penn State 35 Notre Dame 10**

### 7. Southern Miss at #24 Tennessee (7:00 p.m.)

Nate Longshore and the Cal Bears torched the Volunteer defense last week, so they'll be looking for improvement against a dangerous Southern Miss team.

The Golden Eagles are more than capable of pulling this upset, but they won't be able to outscore Tennessee if Erik Ainge and the offense are clicking.

**Score: Tennessee 35 Southern Miss 24**

### 6. Oregon at Michigan (3:30 p.m. ABC)

Losing to Appalachian State at home is unacceptable for the University of Michigan. The Wolverines will be out for redemption this weekend against a high-scoring Oregon team.

Michigan's recent struggles against mobile quarterbacks should be exploited once again by Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon, but it's hard to imagine Michigan losing back-to-back home games to open the season. Chad Henne and Mike Hart will not let that happen.

**Score: Michigan 31 Oregon 28**

### 5. Miami at #5 Oklahoma (12:00 p.m. ABC)

Oklahoma looked awesome last week against an overmatched North Texas squad, racking up over 650 yards of total offense. Miami's defense is always solid, but they won't keep the Sooners' offense in check the whole game.

Hurricane quarterback Kirby Freeman is going to have to be much better throwing the ball, or Miami's one-dimensional offense will get shut down. Oklahoma's secondary is much better than the Marshall secondary that Freeman threw a meager 81 yards on last week. Miami is really going to struggle to score in this one.

**Score: Oklahoma 28 Miami 7**

### 4. South Florida at #17 Auburn (9:00 p.m. ESPN2)

South Florida is a trendy "sleeper" pick to win the Big East in 2007. They weren't impressive in a 28-13 victory over Elon last week. Winning in Jordan-Hare Stadium is never easy, but Kansas State came close to doing it last week.

This will be another ugly, turnover-filled game for both sides, but Auburn quarterback Brandon Cox proved last week that he can win those type of games, engineering a game-winning fourth quarter touchdown drive. Auburn wins another close one.

**Score: Auburn 21 South Florida 13**

### 3. Alabama at Vanderbilt (12:30 p.m.)

Every week in college football there is a popular upset pick. Last week it was Oklahoma State over Georgia. That didn't happen. This week it is Vanderbilt over Alabama. Don't expect to see that happen either.

Vanderbilt has the SEC's best QB-WR duo in Chris Nickson and Earl Bennett, who hooked up for 223 yards last week against Richmond, but they won't be enough to lead Vandy to victory. The Commodores will give Alabama a scare, but they'll fall short, with their defense doing them in.

**Score: Alabama 31 Vanderbilt 26**

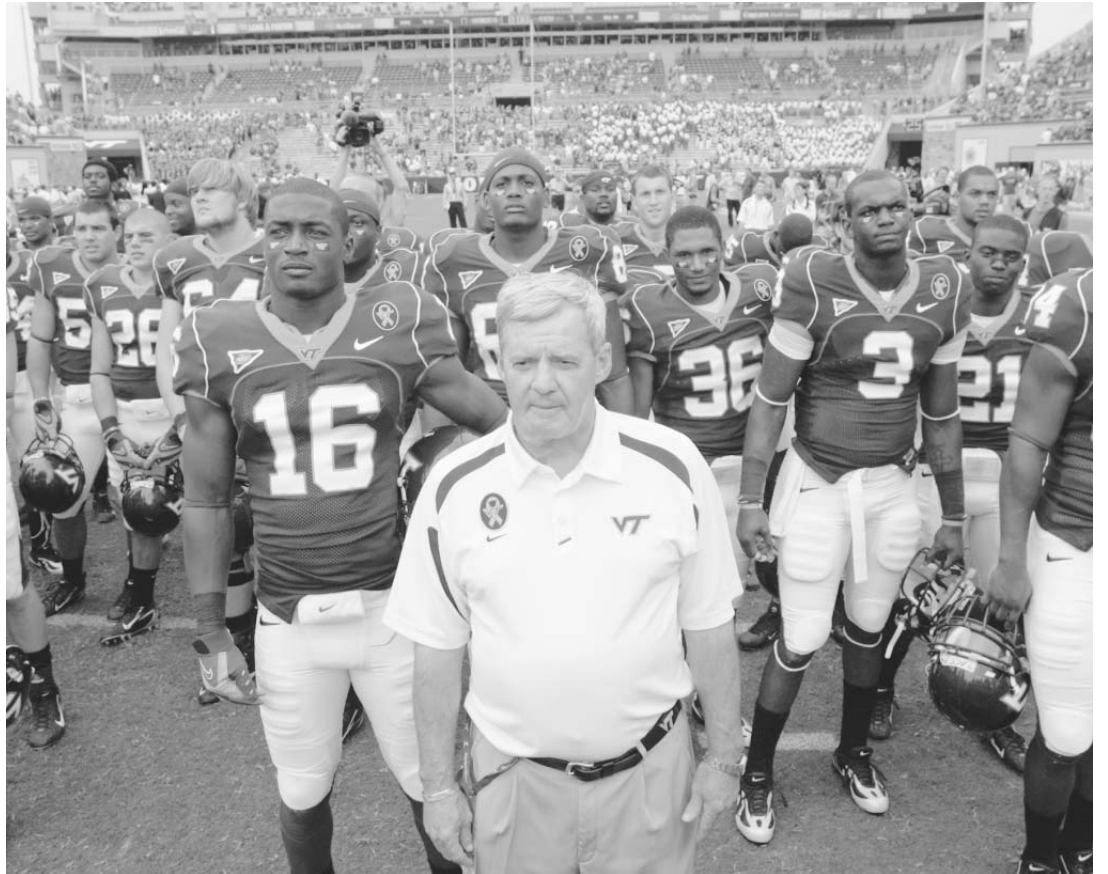
### 2. #19 TCU at #7 Texas (7:00 p.m. FSN)

This game pits TCU's stifling defense against Texas's high-flying offense. TCU went into Norman and beat Oklahoma two years ago to open the 2005 season, so they are expecting nothing less this year.

After a lackluster season opening performance against Arkansas State, look for Colt McCoy and Texas' offense to turn it around and play well against TCU. Points won't come easy for the Longhorns, but they'll score enough to get the "W".

**Score: Texas 17 TCU 13**

### 1. #9 Virginia Tech at #2 LSU (9:15 p.m. ESPN)



Steve Helber / The Associated Press

Virginia Tech can shake off a slow start with a win against LSU down on the Bayou.



Donna McWilliam / The Associated Press

The TCU Horn Frogs are 5-0 against Big 12 teams going into their game with Texas.

The 2007 season's first match-up of top-10 teams features two of the nation's best defenses. The Hokies and Tigers both looked great on defense last week, but the offenses struggled at times.

Virginia Tech only scored 17 points on East Carolina, failing to capitalize on a

handful of opportunities. LSU scored 45 points last week, but many of those came as a direct result of the six interceptions thrown by Mississippi State quarterback Michael Henig.

Getting double-digits on the scoreboard will be a challenge in this game. In the

end, LSU quarterback Matt Flynn will outplay Virginia Tech's Sean Glennon, and the Tigers will win in a defensive slugfest.

**Score: LSU 13 Virginia Tech 7**

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## DEFENSE • Continued from B2

the deepest defensive front that defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix has had to work with since he arrived in Spurrier's first year.

That means that players

like Lindsey who are fresh or coming off of injuries will be splitting time with those players who have a solidified starting spot. Sophomore Rodney Paulk and Lindsey will most likely see the same number of snaps this

weekend.

The youth of Carolina's line is a blessing in disguise. Veterans Marque Hall, Nathan Pepper and Eric Norwood are slated to start. However, freshmen Cliff Matthews, Ladi Ajiboye and

Travian Robertson should see more than significant time on the field as well.

"We've been getting in better shape. One thing it (the weak performance against LA-Lafayette) was, we were a little bit out

of shape," Lindsey said. "Because of the humidity and everything but we're feeling confident now."

Together Lindsey and Brinkley predict that Georgia will gain no more than 125 total yards. The

Gamecocks are confident, no doubt. The only thing left to do, in the words of Dustin Lindsey, is to "get out there and hit somebody."

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## OFFENSE • Continued from B2

If the running game gets going early, look for it to wear down the Georgia defense and put up points in bunches.

Boyd certainly understands the importance of his role, and the performance of the team as a whole in this most important of games. If Carolina plans to contend for the SEC title, Boyd knows this is the time.

"We can't think about what's later on down the line. This is definitely a season setter right here," Boyd said, "They have a good team, we have a good team. And that's why we play this game on Saturdays, just so we can see exactly who the best team is and hopefully at the end of the game Saturday it'll be the Gamecocks standing strong this year."

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